Aid to drought-hit Chhattisgarh

1814. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the drought-hit Chhattisgarh has asked for the Central aid to help drought-hit districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that Orissa is also similarly placed and whether the Central Government also propose to help the State in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) During South-West Monsoon, 2005 (1.6.2005 to 30.9.2005), the rainfall received in Chhattisgarh State as a whole was within the normal range. The State Government neither reported drought situation nor sent any Memorandum for Central assistance for drought relief;

(c) and (d) Orissa State also received rainfall during South-West Monsoon, 2005 within the normal range. The State Government neither reported drought situation nor sent any Memorandum for Central assistance for drought relief.

(State Governments do not often report isolated aberration and deal with localized problem at their level)

Expending training facilities

1815. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would expand the training facilities for crew to meet the demand of the tuna fishing industry;

(b) whether Government propose to set up training institutes like CIFNET in Visakhapatnam, Paradeep and other places;

(c) to what extent Government have developed a system of certification to allow non-Indians to work in the country in the fishery sector;